

## Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 NAIROB 01174 071431Z

42

ACTION AF-04

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 PM-03 SP-02 NSC-05 NSCE-00 INR-05

CIAE-00 /034 W

----- 068235

R 071400Z FEB 75

FM AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1346

S E C R E T NAIROBI 1174

LIMDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, KE

SUBJECT: ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE VICE PRESIDENT MOI

1. JONES MUKEKA, UNTESTED EMBASSY SOURCE CLAIMING CONTACT WITH HIGH-LEVEL KAMBA AND KIKUYU POLITICIANS, TOLD EMBOFF FEB. 7 THAT PLOT IS UNDERWAY TO ASSASSINATE KENYAN VICE PRESIDENT DANIEL ARAP MOI. PRESIDENT KENYATTA REPORTEDLY AWARE OF PLOT.

2. ACCORDING MUKEKA, ASSASSINATION BEING PLANNED BY A KIKUYU NAMED MUIGAI (NICKNAMED LUMUMBA) WHO ALLEGEDLY ALSO PLANNED 1969 ASSASSINATION OF TOM MBOYA. ASSASSIN WILL BE FELLOW KALENJIN. MOTIVE SAID TO BE KIKUYU UNWILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT MOI AS KENYATTA'S SUCCESSOR. CONSPIRATORS REPORTEDLY BELIEVE THEY MUST MOVE AGAINST MOI WHILE KENYATTA STILL ALIVE. MUKEKA FURTHER REPORTS KIKUYU LEADERS ALSO PLAN MOVE TO NEUTRALIZE MOI'S KEY KIKUYU SUPPORTERS: ATTORNEY GENERAL NJONJO AND MINISTER FOR COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, KIANO.

3. SAME SOURCE REPORTS LEADING KIKUYU AND KAMBA POLITICIANS (INCLUDING FORMER FON MIN MUNGAI, MINISTER FOR FINANCE AND PLANNING KIBAKI AND MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT PAUL NGEI) SCHEDULED TO HOLD A SECOND MEETING FEB. 7-8 TO DISCUSS SUCCESSION ISSUE. EXPECTED TO SELECT COMPROMISE KIKUYU CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENCY. NGEI, A KAMBA, SAID TO HAVE BEEN ALREADY TAPPED FOR VICE PRESIDENCY.

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 NAIROB 01174 071431Z

4. MUKEKA CLAIMS TO HAVE HAD FREQUENT PREVIOUS CONTACT WITH  
AF/E DIRECTOR COOTE. EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME COOTE'S COMMENTS  
ON HIS RELIABILITY.  
MARSHALL

SECRET

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** ASSASSINATION, PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION, PLOTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 07 FEB 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975NAIROB01174  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750045-0793  
**From:** NAIROBI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750262/aaaaceck.tel  
**Line Count:** 65  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION AF  
**Original Classification:** SECRET  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** SECRET  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** GolinoFR  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 26 AUG 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <26 AUG 2003 by BoyleJA>; APPROVED <27 AUG 2003 by GolinoFR>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ALLEGED PLOT TO ASSASSINATE VICE PRESIDENT MOI  
**TAGS:** PINT, PINS, KE, (MOI, DANIEL ARAP)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006